

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Buffalo Soapstone

Buffalo Soapstone is an unincorporated CDP located on Moose Creek Road, directly north of Palmer and Farm Loop, west of the Glenn Highway. Buffalo Soapstone is part of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

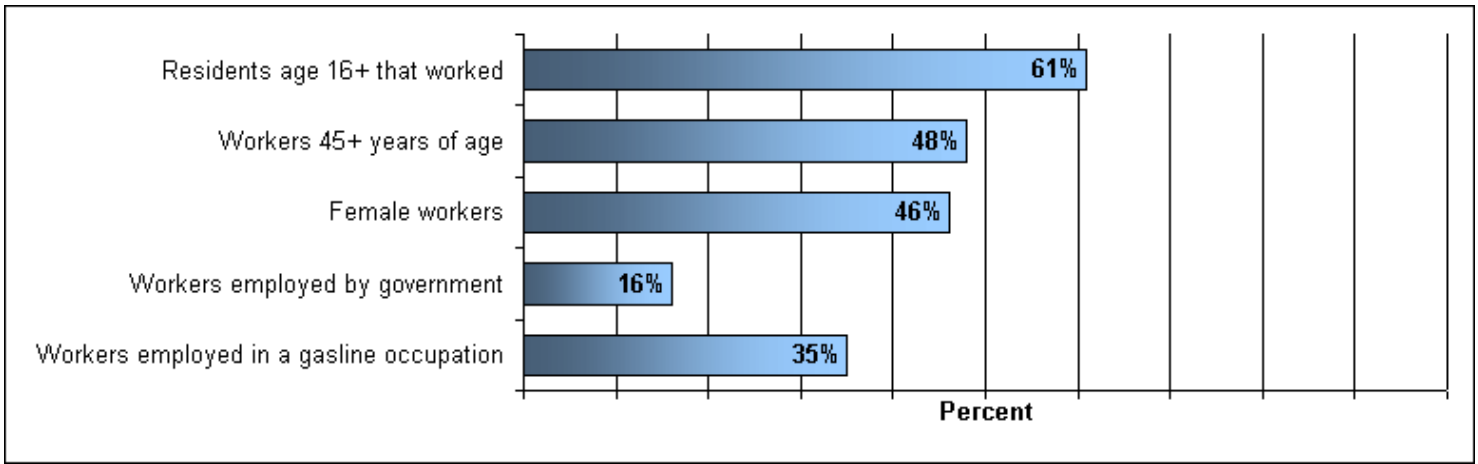
- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 768, a gain of about 69 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 61 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 24 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Buffalo Soapstone Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	565	Total wages	\$12,401,923
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	343	Private	288
Male	185	State government	29
Female	158	Local government	26
Age 45+	163	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	111	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	302
		Percent working all 4 quarters	68.5%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	62	Some construction	105
		At least 1 year construction	73
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	54
New hires	131	Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	245

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## 2008 Residents

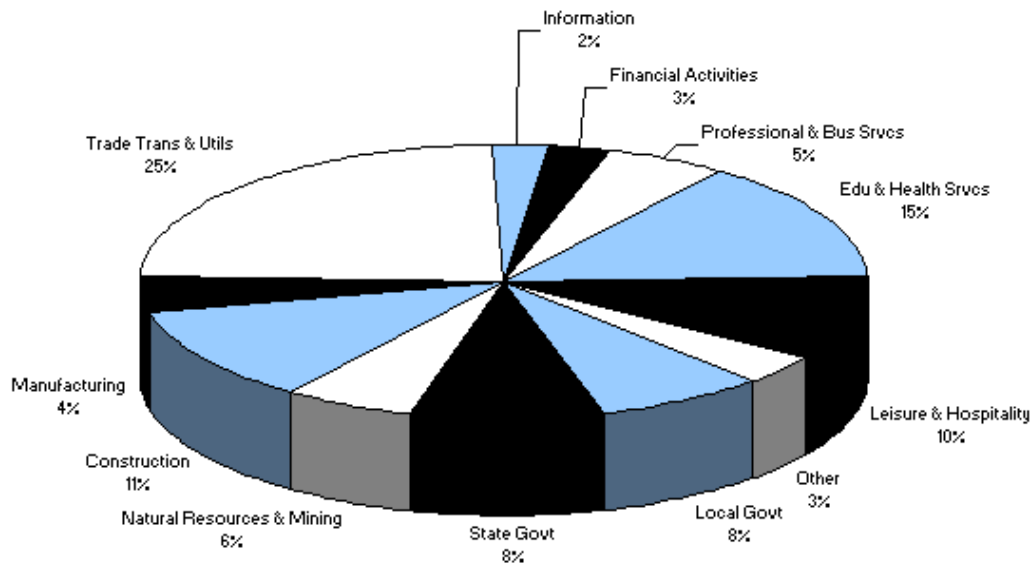


## Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	16	56.2%	5	5
Cashiers	15	60.0%	8	6
Carpenters <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	11	0.0%	5	3
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	8	0.0%	4	2
Electricians <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	7	14.3%	3	2
Registered Nurses <b>HOT JOB</b>	6	83.3%	5	4
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	6	16.7%	2	1
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	6	100.0%	6	5
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	6	0.0%	3	2
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	6	50.0%	1	0
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	6	66.7%	3	2
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	6	66.7%	3	3
Sales and Related Workers, All Other	5	60.0%	1	1
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	5	20.0%	3	2
Personal Care and Service Workers, All Other	5	100.0%	2	2
Security Guards <b>AGIA</b>	5	20.0%	1	1

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	20	0.0%	8	5
Construction	39	10.3%	20	8
Manufacturing	15	6.7%	6	2
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	82	46.3%	39	30
Information	8	12.5%	3	1
Financial Activities	10	30.0%	2	2
Professional and Business Services	18	61.1%	7	6
Educational and Health Services	49	85.7%	25	19
Leisure and Hospitality	35	57.1%	10	6
State Government	29	51.7%	21	15
Local Government	26	65.4%	19	14
Other	12	50.0%	3	3
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0

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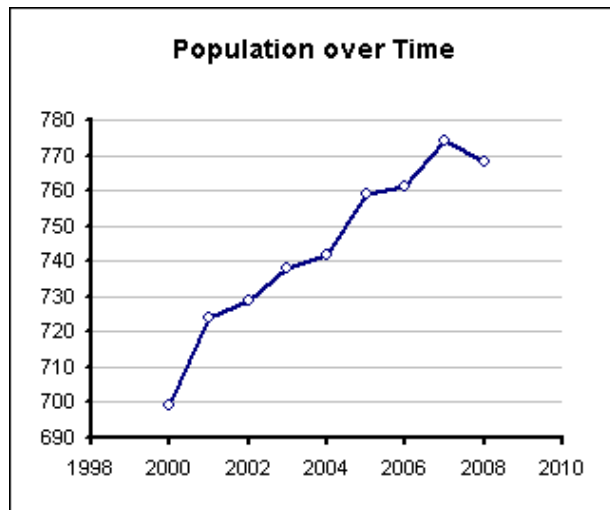
### Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	0	0	0	0

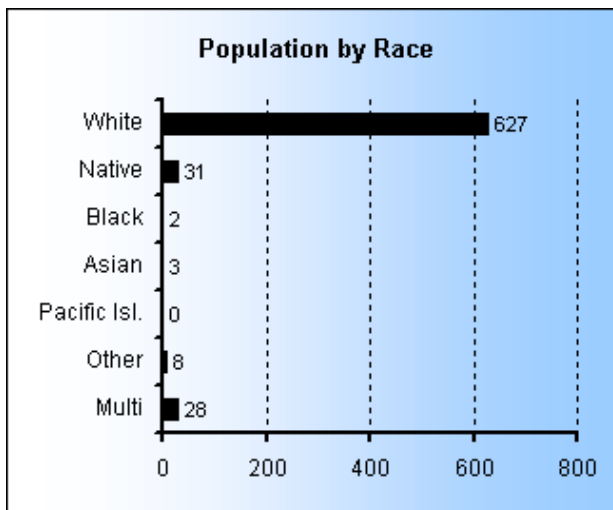
\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

State of AK (excludes U of A)
Mat Su Borough Schools
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
Arctic Modular Inc
Palmer-Wasilla Health System LLC
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
Veco Alaska Inc
Wal-Mart Associates Inc
Laidlaw Transit Inc
Valley Hotel Inc
Bishops Attic #2
Mat Su Svcs for Children & Adults Inc
Three Bears Alaska Inc
Safeway Inc



2000 Census	
Median Age	33.4
Average Family Size	3.4
Average Household Size	3.0
Per Capita Income	\$18,021
Median Family Income	\$40,625
Median Household Income	\$41,250



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section  
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